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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director  
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: TCAG 96/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 2

We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) Amendment No. 2 to its 1996/97 through 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted with your letter dated March 26, 1997. TCAG's Amendment No. 2 proposes to shift \$781,000 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307(Urbanized Area Formula Program) funds from the 1996/97 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 1997/98 for construction of the Visalia transit center and bus stops project. Also, it adds a Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funded project to construct a bicycle lane in Three Rivers at a cost of \$733,000.

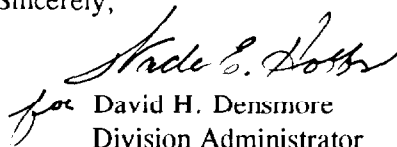
We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this TCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The project added by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §51.460 and §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region 9 office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of TCAG's TIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 1996/97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

  
Leslie Rogers  
Deputy Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

Sincerely,

  
for David H. Densmore  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration